

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.312
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/868,620

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 have been allowed in this application. The claims presented in this amendment reflect the wording and numbering of the claims as of the Examiner's amendment in the Notice of Allowability dated August 11, 2003. In the Examiner's amendment, claim 14 was amended and claims 20 and 21 were added to renumber the claims originally presented as claims 27 and 28.

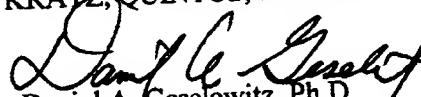
The current amendment corrects the spelling of "nano-scale" in claim 7. Applicants submit that no new matter is added by this spelling correction.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the requested changes, he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned agent of record.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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